



Special Education Advisory Committee

October 2, 2019, LCPS Administration Building

Presentation:

Hank Millward presented The Role of SEAC in Identifying Unmet Needs:

- Explained the makeup of a SEAC
- VA State law that governs a SEAC - See. 8 VAC 20-81-230.D
- Role of the SEAC is an advisory committee to the local School Board.
- Added that LCPS has one of the most engaged SEAC's in the entire state.
- State SEAC (SSEAC) recommendations are address teacher shortages, create more advanced modules for dyslexia, dysgraphia, finalize regulations seclusion and restraint guidelines

Reports and Updates:

Rock Ridge High School Theater Department:

- Sensory Friendly Showing of Peter Pan November 9th at 11AM
- www.Rockridgeperformingarts.org

Dr. Carol Williams-Nickelson, SEAC Past Chair and Sharon Tropf, Chair SEAC Briefing of Identified Unmet Needs from SEAC 2017-18 SY Annual Report and 2018-19 SY Current Trends,

- 2018-2019 priorities and concerns:
 - Policies, Practices, and Procedures
 - Executive Functioning & Social Emotional Learning
 - Specialized Programs and Services
 - Culture & Climate
 - Compliance
- 10% of the SPED community responded to survey.
- Survey results show a significant decrease in satisfaction

One Public Comment

- Parent concern with school lack of understanding of Sensory Processing Disorder (SPD) and recommends additional training.

Sharon Tropf, SEAC Chair Report:

- LCPS School Board signed Proclamation for Disability History and Awareness Month
- VA Governor Ralph Northam declares October Dyslexia Awareness Month
- SEAC Chair submitted letter of concern regarding bias in LLI Reading Materials & Equitable Access to Books
 - In response, the departments of Instruction and Pupil Services will

develop a review committee and will invite SEAC and MSAAC to participate, three members from SEAC and MSAAC. This will enable a member from SEAC and a member from MSAAC to join each of the elementary, middle, and high school review teams.

- Announced formation of subcommittee groups. Encouraged SEAC membership to join.

Membership Report:

- Membership is currently at 13 members, plus one application submitted to the LCPS School Board. We still need over half PTA PTO SEAC representative volunteers

Communications Report:

- We updated accounts for consistency as follows
 - Facebook: loudounseac
 - Twitter: @loudounseac
 - Wiki (for files): loudounseac.miraheze.org
- A checklist to submit subcommittee meetings to the Vice Chair of Communications has been created to comply with FOIA requirements

Planning Report:

- Executive Committee Meetings: 10/21/2019 6:00PM -7:30PM & 11/18/2019 6:00PM -7:30PM
- 11/6/2019 SEAC Business Meeting begins at 6pm
 - Presentation at 7:15 on LCPS Early Identification of Dyslexia
- 12/4/2019 SEAC Business Meeting begins at 6pm
 - Presentation by Jonathan Dalton Center for Anxiety and Behavioral Change on Mental Health, Bullying and School Refusal
- MSACC Joint Presentation on Discipline: Part 1 11/20/2019 – 7 to 9 p.m.

Parent Resource Services Report:

- Subscribe to their Newsletter on their webpage – Keep in Touch
<https://www.lcps.org/ParentResourceServices>
- Upcoming Series:
 - Specialized Reading in Action 10/7/2019 & 10/8/2019
 - Introduction to Naviance Student 10/21/2019
 - Mandt Overview for Parents 10/29/2019
 - Social Emotional Learning 10/29/2019 & 11/6/2019

Chris Croll, School Board Liaison

- Update regarding policies, School Board adopted Policy 8220 student suspension, up for discussion Adoption of Policy 5030 Assessment & Grading, up for consent for adoption Policy 5011 Unstructured Activity Time, Discipline Committee working on Policy 8030 Harassment and Discrimination of Students
- School Board Assistant positions available
- LCPS school board passed 2020 Legislative Program on lowering school

counselor case load ratio, quality quality/SOQ and performance-based assessments which would allow high performing divisions like ours to replace SOL's with other forms of assessments

- Calendar Adoption for SY2020-2021
- Communication Outreach conducting communication audit & 10/7/19 committee meeting to discuss when a situation happens
- Curriculum & Instruction – working on Field Trip Policy 5070 & PBL, personalized learning, and performance assessment goals and metrics 10/10/2019
- Gifted Education Advisory Committee - Formalizing 2e programs and services which requires cross-disciplinary collaboration between Curriculum & Instruction and Pupil Services

Dr. Nelson & Dr. Asia Jones, Pupil Services and the Office of Special Education

- Restraint and Seclusion Report
- Implementing Credit Accommodations

Business

- Policy Subcommittee – Policy Review and Recommendations (Discussion/Action)
- Passed SEAC's recommendations regarding the Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability for all Students, Proposed Policy 8040
- Tabled SEAC's recommendations Disciplinary Procedures for Students with Disabilities, Proposed Policy 5340